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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/366,678	BELLOVIN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Thien D Tran	2665	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 07/07/2004.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-11, 23-29, 37-41, 42-46 are respectively renumbered as 1-20.
3. The drawings filed on 04 August 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



STEVEN NGUYEN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ronald Slusky on 08/31/2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

claim 4,

lines 2-3, change "first edge router" to become "first network edge device",

lines 4-5, change "second edge router" to become "second network edge device";

Claim 5,

lines 2-3, change "first edge router" to become "first network edge device",

lines 4-5, change "second edge router" to become "second network edge device".

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 3, 23 the prior arts fail to disclose a method for connecting a call between a calling party and a called party, comprising:

translating a first global address into a second source address, the second source address being local to a third network;

translating a second global address into a second destination address, the second destination address being local to the third network and being associated with a called party, within the structure of the claims.

Regarding claim 37 the prior arts fail to disclose a method for connecting a call between a calling party and a called party, comprising;

sending a first global address from a first network edge device to a second network edge device, the first network edge device connecting the first network and a second network, the second network edge device connecting a third network to the second network; and

translating the first global address into a second local address, the second local address being associated with the third network, within the structure of the claim.

Regarding claim 42 the prior arts fail to disclose method for connecting a call between a calling party and a called party, comprising:

receiving, from a first network edge device at a second network edge device, a first global address that is a translation of a first local address, the first local address being associated with a first network, the first network edge device connecting the first network and a second network, the second network edge device connecting a third network to the second network; and

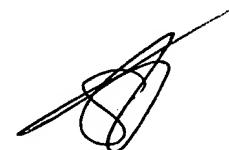
translating the first global address into a second local address, the second local address being associated with the third network, within the structure of the claim.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Thien Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3156. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu, can be reached on (571) 272-3155. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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